

the public recognition due to them for their service to the community and to the country.

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#### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, Fidel Castro is no friend of the Jewish community or the State of Israel.

Castro's labeling of the U.S. policy as a measure akin to the Nazi Holocaust is demonstrative of his senseless rhetoric and glosses over the fact that prior to 1959 there was a vibrant Jewish community in Cuba, which has been largely destroyed by the Castro regime. Castro is no friend of the Jewish community or the State of Israel. Few remember his deployment of a Cuban brigade on the Syrian front in 1973—that was long ago, but even today, Castro continues to court Israel's declared enemies, including Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and the Iranian regime in Tehran.

I would like to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a letter by Frank Calzon, the Executive Director of the Center for a Free Cuba published in the Wall Street Journal on May 15, 1998 on this subject.

[From the Wall Street Journal, May 15, 1998]

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The World-Wide column April 28 reported that Castro said U.S. sanctions have been a "holocaust" for Cuba, "and urged war-crime trials of U.S. officials." Castro's reference to the Holocaust is an example of his overheated rhetoric and an insult to the Jewish people in Cuba and elsewhere.

The vibrant Cuban Jewish community numbered about 12,000 on the eve of Castro's victory in 1959. There was no significant anti-Semitism in Cuba. Instead, there were Jewish schools, publications, radio programs and various clubs and associations. After Castro destroyed Cuba's civil society, Jewish institutions were confiscated. Not surprisingly, there are less than 1,000 Jews remaining on the island.

Castro's attitude toward Israel has been dismal. For many years, he took the lead at the United Nations and elsewhere in support of violent anti-Israeli groups. He supported terrorists such as the notorious Carlos, who was involved in the planning of terrorist acts against prominent European Jews.

Castro suffers from a simple case of psychological projection. He sees his own behavior in others. Almost 40 years after he established a Marxist regime in Cuba, the Cuban economy is as bankrupt as the communist economies were in Europe.

### PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. CHARLIE NELMS

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Chancellor of the University of Michigan-Flint, Dr. Charlie Nelms. Dr. Nelms is leaving his post at the University of

Michigan-Flint to take a similar position with Indiana University. He is being honored by his colleagues at a reception on June 17 at the campus of the University of Michigan-Flint.

Charlie Nelms has had a long, illustrious career educating the future leaders of our country. He has devoted his life to providing all persons the opportunity of a better life through education. Dr. Nelms brought his vision to the University of Michigan-Flint in 1994 and the University has benefited greatly from the association. During his tenure as Chancellor, Dr. Nelms has expanded the scholarship program, and opened new instructional centers in Port Huron, Owosso, Lapeer, Fenton, and Pontiac. He has increased the master's degree program by adding degrees in education, nursing and health education. Over \$60 million in gifts, grants, and land have been given to the University in the last four years.

His commitment to the community has been remarkable. Dr. Nelms has worked diligently to partner businesses and nonprofits with the educational resources of the University. This partnership has proved advantageous to all entities. Students have gained practical experience, and the community has acquired the technical expertise of the University.

In addition, Dr. Nelms has been personally involved in the Genesee Area Focus Council, the Hurley Hospital Cancer Center Advisory Board and the Mott Children's Health Center Board. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP. He has spent numerous hours speaking to youth groups about the importance of education.

Dr. Nelms' personal philosophy is that every person has a responsibility to contribute. He practices that philosophy daily. The Flint community is losing a compassionate, committed leader in Chancellor Nelms. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in wishing Dr. Nelms and his wife, Jeanetta, all the best as they embark on this new phase of their lives with Indiana University.

### HONORING DON COBLE AND BRIGHTON PHARMACY

#### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, in Adams County, Colorado, there is a business that maintains small town values despite burgeoning growth that is always challenging its resources. I rise today to honor Don Coble, owner and pharmacist of the Brighton Pharmacy, for business excellence and commitment to public service.

Brighton Pharmacy is a shining example of outstanding customer service and true concern for the people they serve. Mr. Coble is an exemplary role model for the community not only in his role at Brighton Pharmacy, but as a major contributor and fund raiser for the Community Hospital Fund.

Don Coble is one of only four pharmacists in the entire State of Colorado certified as a Diabetic Educator. He uses his knowledge to provide the community with much needed education on this disease. In addition, the Brighton Pharmacy provides diabetic supplies and medicine to the community members who otherwise could not afford them.

It is for these reasons I happily rise today to honor Mr. Coble and his staff at Brighton Pharmacy. I hold them up to the House, and to all Americans, as a shining example of the best of America's businesses. They exemplify the industrious spirit, can-do attitude, and community involvement that made America great.

### IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY OF DANUBE SWABIANS OF GREATER CLEVELAND

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland.

The Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland was originally founded as a member organization of the Banater Club in 1958. The organization has grown enormously over the years. The ladies' group was established on July 28, 1959, and on January 30, 1960 the German Weekend School opened its doors. In 1966, both the German Youth Choir and the "Fleitmatgruppe", a group for young married couples, were created. The organization has developed manifold connections with civic organizations in Germany and Austria. In 1986 they celebrated the dedication of their new building, the Danube Swabian.

In order to achieve the welfare and the long term goals of the Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland, a large number of dedicated men and women have worked with tireless energy since the founding of the organization. Because of their enormous contributions, the Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland has become one of the most active ethnic organizations of Greater Cleveland.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in congratulating the Society of Danube Swabians of Greater Cleveland on its 40th Anniversary.

### RECONNECTING WITH OUR CHILDREN AND KEEPING THEM SAFE

#### HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 1998

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with my colleagues the very thoughtful and powerful speech that Education Secretary Richard Riley delivered on June 9th to the Safe and Drug Free Schools Conference in Washington.

Secretary Riley spoke eloquently about what we can do in Congress and across the nation to protect young people from violence. After the recent incidents in Springfield, Jonesboro, West Paducah and Pearl, the Secretary's message is more important than ever. Next week, I will introduce the Children's Gun Violence Prevention Act. Many of the provisions of my bill will address the issues that Secretary Riley raised, including making sure that children cannot get access to guns and helping schools prevent violence. As Secretary